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machine drum *before* it is caused to rotate, i.e. before a washing (or drying) operation has begun. By contrast, the prior art apparatus and the method of its operation depend upon rotation of the drum in order to determine the "amount of load" (col. 6, lines 36-37) as a function of two of the three factors current, applied voltage and rotational speed, in order to set the speed controls. Applicants' method is not only simpler in terms of hardware require for its practice than the prior art method, it is also more reliable because it is not subject to the inaccuracies of signals derived from a moving and not unlikely imbalanced drum. to affect thus torque prior to its "teaches a method as the prior art of record.

It is earnestly urged that, as hereby amended, Applicants' application is in condition for allowances which is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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